

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 27245**

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please tell me:*

1. *The total number of Court of Protection welfare cases your council was involved in 2025*  
27

2. *If possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

It has not been possible to provide figures for other years due to a change in case management system.

3. *The total amount spent by your council on Court of Protection welfare proceedings in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases*

The figure below excludes staff time, as this isn't recorded.

£45,255.93 (excluding VAT)

4. *If possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

It has not been possible to provide figures for other years due to a change in case management system.

5. *The total amount spent by your council on Court of Protection welfare proceedings where 'P' (the subject of proceedings/protected party) was an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases*

This information is not recorded.

6. *If possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

See Q5 above.

7. *Of this, the total amount spent on Court of Protection proceedings involving a Deprivation of Liberty s21 MCA application in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases*

The spend on external legal costs for 2025 was £13,851.30. [This excludes staff time, as this is not recorded.]

8. *And if possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

It has not been possible to provide figures for other years due to a change in case management system.

9. *And of this, the amount spent on Court of Protection proceedings involving a Deprivation of Liberty s21 MCA application where 'P' (the subject of proceedings/protected*

*party) is an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism in 2025, including in-house legal costs, legal fees for external lawyers and expert witnesses, and if possible, an estimate of staff time spend on cases*

This information is not recorded.

*10. And if possible, please also answer this question for the following years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024*

See Q9 above.

The above information is what we have been able to identify within the 18-hour limit under the Freedom of Information Act; to provide further information would likely take us over the limit.